
THOMAS COCHRAN.

Among the persons who have been identified with our county history, the Cochran relationship claim recognition. For more than a hundred years the name has been a familiar one. The Pocahontas Cochrans are the descendants of Thomas Cochran, senior, a native of Ireland, one of three brothers who came over together. One of these brothers settled in Augusta and his descendants are highly respected in that county. Another of these Cochrans went to Kentucky, it is believed. Thomas Cochran, the subject of this sketch, married a Miss MacKemie, near Parnassus, in Augusta county, and settled on the Rankin place on the Greenbrier, near the mouth of Locust Creek. Thence he moved to the place now held by Mathews Ruckman. The relationship is so widely extended that it is only possible to trace his descendants to a degree where the present generation can take up the line and complete it.

By the first marriage there were two sons and three daughters. One daughter, name not known, became Mrs William Caraway and lived on Muddy Creek, Greenbrier county; Nancy became Mrs Masters and went to Ohio; Mary was married to William Auldridge.

John Cochran married Elizabeth (Betsy) James, daughter of David James, senior at the end of Droop Mountain, and settled near Marvin, on property recently occupied by the late Michael Scales. There were four sons and four daughters. David James married a

Miss Corby, in Augusta, and went to Clay county, which his son William represented in the legislature a few years since; Thomas married Miss Skeene and lived near Marvin. Their children were Franklin, America, Eliza and Harriet, now Mrs T. C. Wooddell. John had two other sons, John and William, about whom we have no information.

As to the daughters, Margaret (Peggy) became Mrs Jacob Shue; Sally became Mrs James Waugh, late of Verdant Valley; Fannie became Mrs John Smith, on Stoney Creek; and Elizabeth.

Thomas Cochran, jr., son of the pioneer, married Mary Salisbury, settled on the side of Droop Mountain, near Locust, and finally went West. Their children were Gordon, Robert, William, Richard, Deemie and Sabrie—two daughters and four sons.

Thomas Cochran's, the pioneer, second marriage was with Nellie James, daughter of David James, senior, already mentioned. The fruit of this marriage was seven sons and four daughters, viz: William, Samuel, Isaac, David, Solomon, James, Jesse, Rebecca, Mary and Nellie.

Rebecca's first marriage was with William Salisbury on Droop Mountain. By her second marriage she became Mrs John Burner, and lived in Ohio; Mary was married to William Cochran; Nellie was married to John James and went to Ohio. Her children were Jane, Eliza, Kate, William, David and John James.

Samuel went to Ohio.

Isaac Cochran married Jennie Salisbury, daughter of William Salisbury, who lived near where Richard

Callison now lives. His children were Elisha, Solomon Salisbury, Lewis Presley, Jackson, Bruffey, Margaret, and Sarah-

David, son of Thomas Cochran, married Sarah Salisbury, and lived near Droop Mountain. His children were John, William, Andrew, Biddie, Susan and Mary. Biddie became Mrs Gabriel Underwood; Susan, Mrs Joseph Rodgers, late of Swago; and Nellie was the first wife of the late Anthony Lightner; John first married Miss Hanna, of Greenbrier; second wife was Sally Smith; Andrew Cochran married Miss Rachel Lewis and lived on Sinking Creek.

Solomon Cochran, of Thomas, the pioneer, married Biddie Salisbury. Their children were Sally and Rebecca, Porter William and George. Salley died in youth; Rebecca became Mrs Bruffey Cochran; William married Almira Cochran, in Braxton county, and went to Illinois; George Cochran married Nancy, daughter of John Cochran, and lives at the end of Droop Mountain.

James Cochran married Nancy Hannah, and lived at the end of Droop. Their family six daughters and four sons: David, William, Joseph, James, Elizabeth, Jennie, Nellie, Eveline, Mary, and Rachel.

Jesse Cochran married Jane James and settled on the end of Droop, on property owned by his son, David J. Cochran. Their children were David James, Thomas, Samuel, Clark, and George Brown.

David married Hannah Duffield, and lives on the homestead.

Thomas settled on the homestead upon his marriage

with Nancy Stearns.

Clark married Sally Underwood daughter of Gabriel Underwood, and lives on the James homestead.

William Cochran, son of Thomas the progenitor, first married Jane Young, near Swago. Her children were Washington and Elizabeth. Washington Cochran married Phoebe Mace, of Mingo, and settled on Stony Creek. Himself, wife, and son John, aged 7, all died during the war.

Elizabeth Cochran married George Young. Mr Young died in Richmond during the war. His sons, William and Washington, live in Iowa. Mrs Young became Mrs Bruffey Cochran, went to Iowa, where she recently died.

Captain William Cochran's second marriage was with Melinda Moore. Her children William Cochran, Junior, and Mrs Catherine Sharp.

Captain Cochran was a busy man of affairs, noted as a skillful blacksmith, and built the first tilt hammer on Swago. He was captain of the Stony Creek militia, superintended the construction of the Warm Springs and Huntersville turnpike, and was superintendent of the Lewisburg and Marlins Bottom road. The Captain also took much interest in church affairs as a prominent layman of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The James and Salisbury families, elsewhere mentioned as early settlers of Droop Mountain, have been virtually absorbed by the Cochrans. The James boys went to Ohio, and the Salisbury men settled in Braxton and other places in West Virginia, and some went finally to Ohio.

The writer in closing this paper would gratefully recognize the assistance of David J. Cochran, that was so helpful in collecting the particulars, and so cheerfully given by him, although suffering at the time severely from rheumatic and other troubles, that seemed to be wearing his useful life away.

ABRAM BURNER.

Abram Burner, the progenitor of the Burner relationship in our county, was from the lower Valley, probably Shenandoah County. Soon after his marriage with Mary Hull; of Highland County, he settled on the Upper Tract, early in the century. Their children were Mary, Elizabeth, George, Jacob, Adam, Henry, and Daniel.

Mary Burner became Mrs George Grimes and lived near Mount Zion, in the Hills.

Elizabeth Burner was married to Hon John Grimes, and lived in the Little Levels on the lands now owned by the county for an infirmary.

Jacob Burner married Keziah Stump, and settled in the western part of the State.

Adam burner married Margaret Gillespie, one of Jacob Gillespie's nine daughters at Greenbank, and settled in upper Pocahontas.

Daniel Burner married Jennie Gillespie, sister to Margaret. Daniel Burner was drowned near Peter Yeager's in a deep eddy, during harvest, and left one son, Joshua Burner.

Henry Burner met his death by drowning in the